(c) whether there would be improvement in the late running of this train and if so, the measures to be taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) With a view to improve its punctuality performance, the timings of 1123/1124 Gwalior-Barauni mail have been rescheduled from 19th December, 2008. The punctuality of the train has, thereafter, improved.

Insufficient rail racks for supply of food items

2410. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rail racks are insufficient in number to supply the food items which are at the godowns to each State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase the rail racks to supply food items to each State especially in the rainy seasons when the food items get damaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There are enough rakes available with the Railways to carry foodgrains as per programme given by Food Corporation of India. Railways are according high priority to allotment of rakes for movement of foodgrains.

Regulation of drug prices

†2411. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority is making medicines more affordable;

(b) if so, which are the additional medicines it is adding to its purview and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether NPPA is working on the price and availability to Tami flu to combat Swine Flu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) NPPA fixes/revises the prices of 74 bulk drugs included in the First Schedule of Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995) and formulations using these bulk drugs with an objective to make these drugs affordable. No additional drug has been added in the First Schedule of DPCO, 1995.

NPPA also monitors the movement in prices of non-Scheduled formulations. The monthly reports of ORG IMS and the information furnished by individual manufacturers are utilized for the purpose of monitoring prices of non-Scheduled formulations. Wherever there is a price increase

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

beyond 10% per annum (20% before 01.04.2007) is noticed, the manufacturer is asked to bring down the price voluntarily failing which, subject to prescribed conditions, action is initiated under paragraph 10(b) of the DPCO, 1995 for fixing the price of the formulation in public interest. This is an ongoing process.

(c) and (d) Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) used to treat cases afflicted by the H_1N_1 virus (swine flu) is a non-Scheduled drug and not controlled under DPCO, 1995. Government is regularly monitoring the availability of Oseltamivir in the country keeping in view the current threat of Swine Flu.

Improvement of railway infrastructure in Jharkhand

2412. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of trains being maintained in washing sheds in different cities of Jharkhand State and the details on future plan for setting up of such facilities;

(b) the details of the provisions made for improving railway infrastructure in Jharkhand during the current financial year and the status of implementation of the projects; and

(c) how many proposals for railway underbridge/overbridge in Jharkhand are pending with Government and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED: (a) The number of trains being maintained in Coaching Maintenance Depots in different cities of Jharkhand State is as under:—

Town/City	Total No. of trains being maintained
Dhanbad	12
Gomoh	03
Barkakana	01
Hatia	21
Tata	13

It is planned to augment the existing coach maintenance infrastructure at Tata, Dhanbad and Gomoh coaching depots.

At other coaching maintenance depots, the maintenance infrastructure is adequate for the present.

(b) 7 new lines, 1 gauge conversion and 8 doubling works are in progress in the State of Jharkhand. Sufficient funds have been provided for new lines, doubling and gauge conversion projects in the year 2009-10.